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POCKET CARTOON  
By OSBERT LANCASTER

"He says he would like you to assure the B.M.A. of the unqualified support of the West African colleagues in their heroic struggle for the independence of the profession"

## C.V.R. Thompson A NAME TO REMEMBER

NEW YORK. It might be as well to start practising saying "President Vandenberg."

A Tory and a one-time isolationist, Vandenberg has three times turned aside suggestions that he be a candidate.

He has done it again, but with a difference. Confronted with the news that Vandenberg fans in Nebraska are entering his name on the lists, Vandenberg was asked what he will do if the Republicans (or Tories) nominate him.

He refused to "speculate." In American political language that means he would take it.

And at this moment he is the popular choice to win that nomination if, as is expected, the not-too-popular Senator Robert Taft and Governor Tom Dewey cancel each other out.

Vandenberg's chief disadvantage is his age—he is 64 this month. But his supporters point out that is only 47 days older than Mr. Truman, and Truman's age is the only argument that has not been used by his opponents.

During a visit to London last year, the Rt. Rev. James Devoll, Anglican Bishop for Long Island, had an idea. And so now every clergyman in his diocese, every parson in his churches, and every child in his Sunday schools is out collecting food and clothing for the poor in London's 100 poorest parishes.

Long Island to London Campaign, as it is called, wants to collect "thousands of tons."

SPORTS WRITERS are predicting that a new Babe Ruth, greatest hero of American baseball, is in the making. His name is Bobby Thompson, and he will play for the New York Yankees this season, if they pay him enough money. He was born in Glasgow.

DETROIT thought it could sell South Africa as many dream cars as it cared to send. But it was warned that Britain is offering stiffening competition in a country regarded as a "natural" for big American cars. To meet this challenge Detroit is planning to develop assembly plants in the Union.

AT LAST it has happened. In a New York pub one morning a girl sat by a jukebox, now essential equipment in an American pub, and played again and again the song hit, "Bongo, bongo, bongo, I don't want to leave the Congo." After an hour of it a man, Philippe Torres, who had been minding his own business, drinking, and standing it no longer. He pulled out a gun and shot the girl.

IN WASHINGTON in the first week of March you could scarcely say anything without getting a "Thank you," "You're welcome" or "Excuse me," in reply. The Capital was holding a Courtesy Week in an attempt to bring back pre-war manners. A telephone Mr. James Colliflower, the promoter, to see how it was going. "Very well," said he. "Thank you," said L. "You're welcome," said he.

RAMONN DE VALERA, here, for a month's visit, will be offered a university job in Boston.

NO MORE QUEUEING for railway tickets and tickets for sleeping accommodation. The railways will now send them to your door.

# I call this 'Shady Business in the Sun'

AMERICANS INVADE WEST INDIES — BUT DON'T PAY WITH DOLLARS

KINGSTON (Jamaica). THE American holiday invasion into the British West Indies, is misfiring as a dollar earner. The Americans are spending English pounds. And simple frauds — not always unthinking — in hotel bars and on sunny beaches are driving the dollar out of circulation here.

The result is a daily increasing financial burden for the British Government, since British and American visitors alike must be fed on food paid for in dollars.

The West Indies are beginning to see the working of Gresham's Law. This says that a weak currency always forces a strong one out of circulation.

Gresham was a 16th century Englishman, and it was only 90 years ago that a generous Scot called Maceled first gave him credit for explaining this economic principle. But that was a mistake, as well as a surprise, for the law is not Gresham's at all.

It was laid down before Gresham's time by Copernicus, and he was in the 15th century, when he lived, and they have been familiar with it ever since.

The countless Americans coming to Jamaica should be spending their own currency, but they always have plenty of pound notes instead. The precious dollar is seldom seen offered in any legitimate transaction.

The dollars that should become colonial revenue are either disappearing in widespread black market deals or being kept out of the islands by the absurd currency situation that has been allowed to develop.

Bad budget

THE outlook grows more alarming. Jamaica—largest of the West Indies—is a land of plenty, where rich Americans come for winter holidays, but it gets nowhere near balancing its dollar budget. Last year the island needed a subsidy of nearly £10,000,000 from the Empire's hard-currency pool.

In the Bahamas, too, the position is serious. There was a deficit of £1,000,000 last year, and the figure looks like reaching £2,000,000 in 1948. In January alone, which is a good month for American tourists, £150,000 worth of American dollars were lost.

Across in Bermuda, millions have been invested in preparation for accumulating U.S. dollars, and hotel managers have boasted about their coming harvest. But there it is the same dismal story—£6,000,000 dollars collected last year, and £9,000,000 spent.

Everywhere American currency is being pushed out, and British citizens are active in a flourishing money black market that is costing the Exchequer precious millions.

Many of them—on holiday from England—are making individual Anglo-U.S. reverse lease-lend agreements without realising the consequences for Empire finance. Simple frauds are happily negotiating in the social meeting places, and they are almost impossible to stop.

There are occasional and unthinking Englishmen who say, "I'll pay your bills here and you can pay for my holiday in the U.S.A." They offer a good rate of exchange as the basis of their transaction, and they can quickly find an American with whom to complete the deal.

And the Americans go home with all their dollars in their pockets.

American visitors get £4. 10d. for every dollar they exchange at a bank or hotel. And nobody outside these two places is supposed to be in the money-changing business.

But in the black market the man with dollars will get a better bargain. Currency crooks commonly give 25s. for four dollars, and some will go as high as 30s. And in Nassau, capital of the Bahamas, there is an open market where the U.S. dollar is worth 15s.

All in it

ALL over the West Indies shop assistants willingly take dollars instead of sterling as payment for goods, and it is easy to find a shady merchant to exchange currency at unofficial rates.

Some hotels are in this money game. Because there can be no adequate check on them, one hotel doing a brisk American trade is alleged to have turned in only 28,000 dollars for a year. A Rolls-Royce car sold in America produces as much.

U.S. currency collected in the black market cannot be lodged in the banks. Some is smuggled back to the U.S.A. but most of the dollars are being hidden against the day when the hoarders believe the pound will crash. They then hope somehow to get rid of them, making fortunes without being noticed in the chaos of devaluation.

Alongside the black market there is a rush from Britain to invest capital in the West Indies. Americans are selling out to British purchasers who pay fantastic prices in their desperate bid for a stake in these islands.

But the original sellers do not go home. Having accepted payment in sterling, they continue to live here on that capital without needing to bring their own dollars in.

Again, hotels advertising for customers in the U.S.A. are full of Englishmen, who leave no room for the dollar spenders, but who must still be fed from American markets.

So each month the dollars disappear faster. West Indies finance is distorted, colonial development is hindered, and it is all working out as Copernicus said long ago.

Free them!

BUT there is a way out of the present predicament. The answer is to put down the "unreal" barriers Britain has erected to give the weak pound sterling a fictional value.

If the two currencies were flowing freely, this situation in the West Indies, which has damaged reputations and ended, and there would be a healthy currency again. The pound would quickly find its true value in relation to gold and the dollar. The way out is to let the pound look the dollar in the face—to let the pound fly.

John Douglas



"He says he's come to leave a symbol of sovereignty on the Isle of Wight!"

# BRIG. JONES WILL SPREAD THE LOAD

by MILTON SHULMAN

A MAN whose job had doubled in importance overnight now sits in his office in Westminster today considering the vast changes which will be required in the holiday habits of the British people.

The man is Brigadier S. O. Jones. His job: chief of the Home Holidays Division of the British Tourist and Holiday Board.

The petrol cut and the ban on foreign travel mean that the people of Britain must readjust ideas about taking mass holidays in July and August.

For the 15,000,000 workers getting holidays with pay and with no place to go but Britain and Eire, there will not be enough accommodation for them if they take their holidays at the same time.

The Government's two-year propaganda campaign for staggered holidays has notably failed to prevent overcrowding and congestion at summer resorts during the peak holiday weeks.

But if Brigadier Jones has his way, this year will be different.

"LINKAGE"

His plan is based on the principle that people will change their holiday habits only if they find it is worth while to do so. And he is setting out to make it worth while. The name for the plan is "linkage." Its object is to link an industrial town with a holiday resort so that both places benefit. This is how it works:

All the industries in a certain town will agree to take their holidays in the off-season—June or September. A specified holiday resort will offer special rates and facilities for those workers who agree to take their week's holiday in that resort.

There will be more accommodation, better travelling, cheaper holidays, and special entertainments for those who take advantage of the scheme.

Three linkages have already been arranged for this year. They await the

approval of the local trade union leaders and factory owners.

It is proposed that on June 26, 1948, the automobile workers of Coventry will do their seaside bathing at Margate, the electrical workers of Rugby will travel to Skegness, and the metal workers of Wolverhampton will go to Ely.

The town councils of all these places have agreed to co-operate and many trade union leaders have given their approval.

Reasons against the taking of holidays in June and September are chiefly habit, weather and school. The habit of taking holidays in August is relatively new and began under entirely different conditions to those of today.

RARE PRIVILEGE

Until 1938 holidays with pay were a relatively rare privilege. In that year just over 7,750,000 workers were paid for a week's holiday. Now that figure has more than doubled.

Since he did not get paid for taking holidays, the average workman took his family away when it would cost him least. That was usually August Bank Holiday, when he would be off work in any case. He therefore got into the habit of adding on the other day of the week, and thus lost less pay than if he took some other time of the year.

The habit has remained. The argument that better weather can be expected in July and August than in June and September has been disproved by statistics.

School holidays are no longer a problem in most families, since the Ministry of Education allows children to have holidays with their parents for 14 days in every year.

But in cases where children are preparing for their school-leaving certificate or matriculation the present holding of examinations in July makes it impossible for them to go away without interfering with their studies.

Brigadier Jones has an answer to this objection. Only 1% of all pupils are taking such examinations. And the Secondary School Examination Council are now considering March and November as alternative months arranged for this year. They await the

# BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

On recent tounours. A ses premiers amours.

IN this case sneek (pronounced snook). "In texture not unlike the porpoise, in appearance resembling the manatee or sea-cow, in taste similar to baked serge" — (I quote Brillat-Savarin, in Mrs. Welsh's translation). And all this is before it is tinned, canned or otherwise preserved in fossil state.

The Minister of Food, having denied that sneek is inedible, said that it had sold very well. But did he explain what those who bought it used it for? Door plugs, for instance? Book-markers? He did not.

Prodness: And what wine should we drink with this delicacy?

Mostly lies

ONE of the dancers was in a towering rage. "Do you think," she asked, "I'm a dancing impresario, that I come all the way from Moscow to get mixed up in see-saw? I am a dancer, not an acrobat!" (She lied. She was an acrobat or nothing.)

A question of music

"THE right thing for this see-saw intruder," said the hairy man, "is definitely the Barcarolle from Hoffmann." "Who is Hoffmann, please?" asked Ashura. "Oh, just Hoffmann. Surely you've heard." "There will be not room for Hoffmann upon our plank," said Rizamughan firmly, glancing at his companions. "Listen," said the hairy man patiently. "Nobody is going to butt in on your plank. I'm talking about music. It's a piece of music." "What is?" "Inquired Kazbulah suspiciously. "Tales of Hoffmann." "Hoffmann?" "If Mr. Hoffmann settles foot upon our plank, we walk forth. Is he belonging to the onion? We belong to no onion, ho yes." "We'd better leave it for a bit," said the hairy man.

## NANCY .... And a Little Water



## By Ernie Bushmiller



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## Women BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

Here are some Beauty Tips for you.

## DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that brushing your eyebrows and eyelashes stimulates their growth and makes them silky-soft?

Do you know that a good bath brush is an article of real beauty equipment?

Do you know that men like Blue on women better than they like any other colour?

Do you know that a Red Hat makes you feel gay and that Red shoes will make you "run faster"?

Do you know that cotton evening dresses are a boon to your budget? They wash!

Do you know that your hair responds to air and sun? So throw off your hat this summer!

Do you know that Purple and Pale Blue make a very soothing colour combination for your wardrobe or your home?

Do you know that jewelled belts look well on small, trim waists?

Do you know that Navy Blue sheer, sheer stockings look wonderful at night?

Do you know that a little brilliantine, brushed over your hair, protects it from sunburning?

Do you know that Big Girls should not wear clothes made of shiny materials?

Do you know that Purple-Red lipsticks are especially flattering to mature women?

Do you know that a good salt-rub will stir up your circulation?

### RELAXATION RESTORES GOOD LOOKS.

Do you know about this simple way to incline towards good looks when you need a quick physical pick-up.

It takes only 15 minutes.

You will get a bright mental lift, and a reassuring mirror vision after a particularly tiring day at the office or shopping.

All you need is a comfortable spot for relaxation after taking a cool bath—your two feet about two feet higher than your head and shoulders.

As you close your eyes, concentrate on letting go in every muscle, or group of muscles.

With feet higher than hips, and hips higher than head, a complete change in circulation will be accomplished, and you will actually feel the blood flowing to the face and scalp.

Not only does this revive you, but it is on record that causing the blood to flow to the brain helps faster, clearer thinking.

It stimulates and purifies the skin, and relieves tired feet and legs.

Quarter of an hour will do wonders. But completely relax.

Don't try to read because eye strain reduces the benefits by half. Double the beauty voltage by leaving a film of cream on face or neck, or by fixing a simple face pack, and pressing the lotion-soaked pads over the eyes.

Equipment need present no problem. If you have that sort of bed, lie with feet up on its head, with two pillows under the hips and the shoulders flat.

Otherwise, lie on the floor, feet on a low chair, a couple of pillows supporting the hips, shoulders on a rug.

## RADAR MAGIC EYE WARNS PILOTS

Cloud-hidden mountains may soon cease to worry air pilots. A new radar device is being tried out which flashes warning signals when an airplane gets too close to high ground.



SAFETY RADAR—and this is how it works

### SYMPTOMS OF DECAY WARNING

America is on the brink of disintegration, a top-ranking psychiatrist says. Reason: the increase in divorce and juvenile and adult delinquency.

Dr Edward A. Strecker, chairman of the psychiatry division of the National Research Council, warned, in an interview that:

As parents, most Americans are failures. They fail to instill self-reliance in their children. Children grow into emotionally immature adults unable to meet responsibilities.

## Spiritual Values

"Somewhere along the line," Dr Strecker declared, "we have lost our spiritual values. Through technological advance we have achieved a highly materialistic civilization, but underneath we are straw."

Dr Strecker blamed mothers for the growing tendency to cling to the material apron strings, long after they should be independent individuals, but he indicted fathers, too.

"Fathers are too inclined to neglect the psychological rearing of their children. After the second child, a father tends to desert his wife, emotionally."

## No Spiritual Values

Gloomily, the psychiatrist acknowledged that people are basically the same today as they were years and years ago when family ties were stronger, "but forces outside are at work on them, and in the most materialistic civilization the world has ever known, spiritual values have been swept away."

The divorce rate of one to three marriages, and, in some densely populated areas, one to two marriages, and lax marital relationships, falling birthrate and soaring delinquency of adults and juveniles he classified as "surface symptoms of national decay."

Dr Strecker held out a ray of hope. "We're pretty far along the road to disintegration," he said, but we can still turn back with a tremendous effort."

### Check Your Knowledge

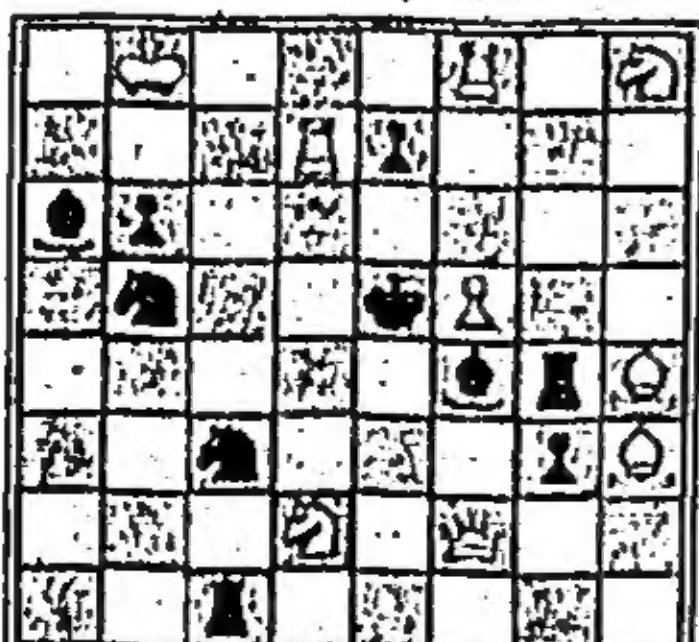
1. Who said "The conqueror becomes the victim of his conquests?"
2. Does a pinochle deck have more or less cards than a regular deck?
3. Who was nicknamed the "Desert Fox" in World War II?
4. Between what two lakes is Niagara Falls located?
5. What is the literal meaning of GI?
6. What great English newspaper is popularly nicknamed "The Thunderer"?

(Answers on Page 4)

### CHESS PROBLEM

By A. F. EERKES

Black, 10 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.  
White to play and mate in two.  
Solution to Saturday's problem:  
1. Kt-K5, and 2. Q-R, or K2

From wartime radar developments, scientists both in Britain and America have been working on apparatus which would enable a pilot continuously to know his height above the ground, and not merely above sea level.

Now, one of America's biggest airlines, Pan-American World Airways, are equipping their fleet of "Clippers" with a new, light-weight apparatus which their engineers have developed.

They claim it to be "the most advanced safety contrivance of its kind yet produced for airline use." A 25lb "box of tricks" and two small radar aerials do the work. From one aerial, in the airplane's nose, a continuous stream of radar impulses is sent out. So long as the ground is not more than 8,000 feet below they are reflected on the surface and picked up again by the receiving aerial under the fuselage.

## Warning buzz

The reflected signals are instantly translated into figures on the altimeter dial. Thus, unless he is more than 8,000 feet above the ground—when there is no danger—the pilot knows his exact clearance.

To this apparatus, Pan-American engineers have added a further warning system. This can be set to give five different clearances—2,000 feet, 1,000, 500, 400 and 300. Preset for 2,000 feet, the figure "2,000" flashes in big red numbers on the dial in front of the pilot. But, just in case he should be looking at other instruments at the moment, he gets a loud and unmistakable buzzing in his earphones, which goes on until he pulls the aircraft up higher.

In bad weather or night landings the device also gives the pilot a constant check on his height above the runway.

### Japanese Use Bible Paper For Cigarettes

The occupation authorities' efforts to Christianise Japan has literally gone up in smoke. Japanese smokers are buying imported Holy Bibles which are being sold at a nominal sum in Japan for cigarette paper, reports Central News from Tokyo. The Bible Society in Tokyo, which is the sole distributor of imported Bibles, admitted the existence of a black market in Japan for Bibles. The black market price of Bibles is about three to four times the official price.

The Bible Society also admitted its knowledge of Japanese smokers using the Bible as cigarette paper, and added that that is one of the reasons why Bibles are being rationed one to a customer at bookstores.

## Loaned Whilst Prisoner

Imported Bibles, which are printed on the best grade of paper, provide ideal cigarette paper, one Japanese smoker confessed. This smoker said he first learned to use the Bible for cigarette paper as a war prisoner in Rabaul, where the Australian Red Cross distributed one Bible to every three Japanese POW's.

Bible paper is the best paper he has rolled his tobacco in, this Japanese disclosed. Furthermore this confessor said the Bible is much cheaper than cigarette paper in Japan. While one pad of 100-page inferior grade Japanese cigarette papers is being sold at 25 yen, each 700-page New Testament can be obtained for 15 yen. And a 700-page New Testament can be used for approximately 7,000 cigarette papers. The Japanese Bible Society said a 15-yen New Testament is being sold in the black market for 60 yen, and 1,500-page New and Old Testament for about 250 yen—almost three times the official price of 120 yen.

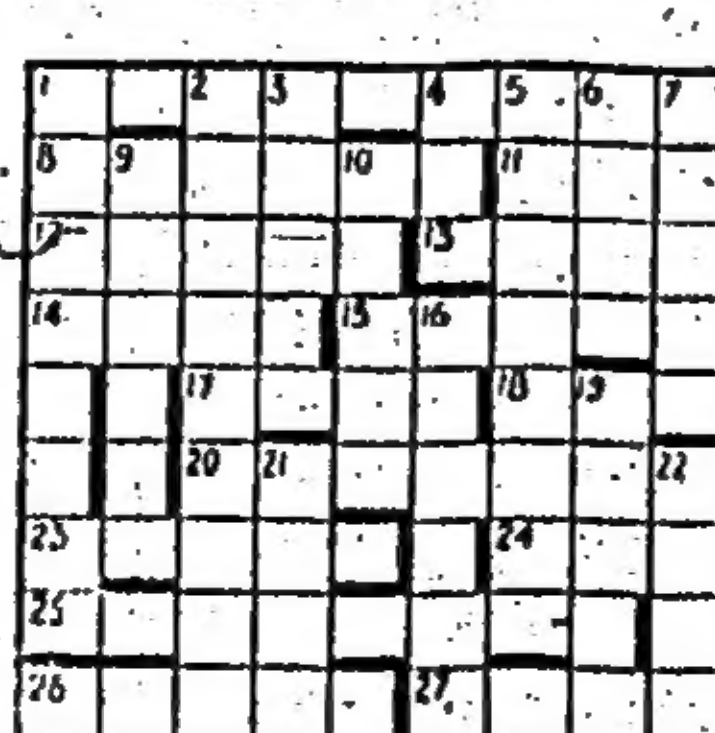
### Rupert's Silver Trumpet—32



Having an hour to wait, Rupert suddenly thinks of Willie the mouse. "What a pity he ran away when those toy soldiers came marching down the sunbeams," he says. "There was no need to be frightened of them, and he has missed a wonderful lot of fun. Let's fetch him." So he and Algy rise to Willie's cottage to tell their little pal all about what has happened. "Come on back to the common," says Rupert, and see what Golly will send us."

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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across  
1. An in A.L.P. or U.L.A. (5)  
2. Nothing is broken down. (5)  
3. A Zeeon title. (3)  
4. Direction. (5)

Down  
5. A sure, a woman doesn't need this. (4)  
6. A thing. (3)  
7. Up and down so to speak. (5)  
8. Sort of message to Tom. (5)  
9. The heart of a blunder. (3)  
10. A shark skin. (4)  
11. No. (3)  
12. No baker, and this bread. (5)  
13. Abstract. (5)  
14. The usual place for a bet. (5)  
15. Or return in the ad. (5)  
16. South Africa initially leads this for money. (5)  
17. Darn the balm. (4)  
18. Darn I (5)



### McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

A High Throw-Off Fools The Defence

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

A GOOD game of bridge is very relaxing. The game has so many angles you can't bother to think of anything else but the problem confronting you. In some of the afternoon clubs where the players spend a good deal of time talking about cake recipes they might miscue in today's hand.

This hand was given to me by a coming star, Jack Denny, who divides his time between Toledo, O., and Philadelphia, Pa. I had the pleasure of playing with Denny at the All American Tournament at French Lick, Ind.

Neither Denny nor I thought North's pre-emptive bid of three spades was a good one. With two good suits, why did he close the bidding?

When he bid three spades and East came in with four hearts, South could hardly be expected to bid five clubs, especially when his partner had asked him to keep out of the bidding. North might have intended to come in with a club bid if the opponents had not bid hearts, but he lost the opportunity, let East play the hand.

♠ A Q 10 6 4 2					
♥ None					
♦ Q 5					
♣ K 10 7 4 3					
♠ J 10 5 1					
♥ A Q 2 7					
♦ 10 8 5					
♣ 10 8 5					
♠ 7					
♥ 8 6					
♦ J 8 4 2 1					
♣ A Q 8 5 2					
♠ Rubber—N-S vul.					
South West North East					
Pass Pass 3 4 4 7					
Opening—♠ 7					

Declarer played low from dummy on the opening spade lead and North went up with the ace. Now if Denny (East) had made the normal play of the five of spades, North would have returned a spade immediately. South would ruff and nothing could prevent North and South from getting a diamond and a club trick.

As Denny explained, going down an extra trick meant nothing in rubber bridge. So when North played the ace of spades, East, without a moment's hesitation, put on the king.

Now you can see North's predicament. He did not want to return the queen of spades, have East trump it and then get a discard on dummy's jack of spades. He did not want to return a low spade and give East a free discard. So at this point, North led the queen of diamonds. Denny won the king, took two rounds of trumps and led the jack of spades from dummy. North had to cover with the queen, and thus declarer established dummy's eight of spades for the discard of the losing seven of diamonds.

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### Rice Sufficiency In Indonesia

The Indonesian Republican Food Minister, Kasimo, issued a statement to the people of the Indonesian Republic recently declaring there would be no need to import rice into Republic-controlled areas in the near future. He declared that the Republic was actually exceeding its goals in its agricultural self-sufficiency drive, reports Associated Press.



## Dealt In H.K. Dollars

Shanghai, Mar. 22.—The Finance Control Bureau has completed examination of the account books and documents seized in the past few weeks from 41 commercial houses alleged to have conducted illegal transactions in Hongkong dollars and other foreign currencies, according to semi-official Chinese sources.

A report has been submitted by the Bureau to Dr. Chang Kia-ngau, Governor of the Central Bank of China, who will decide on the next step to be taken. It is believed that at least half a dozen of the firms involved will be charged in court for violating the Government's emergency economic regulations.—Reuter.

## Big Haifa Dockside Explosion

(Continued from Page 1)

operate in any solution giving Palestine peace in a democratic, single Palestine.

Three conditions were given in the communiqué under which the Arabs would accept the proposed United Nations truce:

1. The United Nations must expel all Jewish terrorists.
2. The Hagannah must be disarmed.
3. Further Jewish immigration, which is adding to the ranks of armed fighters of the Hagannah, must be halted.

Azzam Pasha, Secretary General of the League, commenting on the second condition, said that if the United Nations took steps to start disarmament among Jews along the proposed lines, the Arabs on their side would take action to disarm their fighters.

### "ARABS WERE RIGHT"

Commenting on the United States proposal, the communiqué stated: "The United States proposal, after four months' experiment with partition, showed that the Arabs were right when they predicted troubles in Palestine. The Arabs aim at a just solution in which all Palestinians have equal rights and duties." The communiqué did not mention the trusteeship proposal by the United States, but Azzam Pasha explained to the press that when the United Nations adopt the United States proposal, the Arab delegates to UN would be instructed on what the attitude of the Arab states would be.

"We have sent instructions to the Arab delegates in New York covering future possible eventualities and possibilities," said Azzam.

Regarding the Yemen, the League, in recognising Emir Ahmed as the new Imam, pleaded for clemency for opponents—and instructed Azzam Pasha to write to the new Imam in the belief that the Yemen was starting a "new era of tolerance...an era of reform and progress."—United Press.

### JEWRY TO MEET

Tel-Aviv, Mar. 21.—The elected Assembly of Palestine Jewry was today given notice to convene in Tel-Aviv on Tuesday.

On the agenda is the proclamation of the Jewish state and the bringing into being of a Jewish State Provisional Government Council. A meeting of the Jewish Agency to decide details of the proclamation was held in Tel-Aviv yesterday. It was also considering the date on which the action committee of the Zionist organisation should meet in Palestine with British and American Zionist leaders attending.—Associated Press.

### JEWISH STATEHOOD PLEA

London, Mar. 21.—Professor S. Brodetsky, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and a member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Palestine, called today on Anglo Jewry to stand behind the principle of asserting Jewish Statehood in at least part of Palestine.

Addressing a meeting of the Board of Deputies, Professor Brodetsky declared that he found it hard to reconcile the statement of the American Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, that he had suggested the withdrawal of American support for partition, with Mr. Marshall's declaration in the same speech that the United States could not stand aside and see nations destroyed one by one. "I think we Jews have the right to say we agree with that general policy completely and we ask that it should also apply to the Jewish people as a whole."—Reuter.

### END OF 4-POWER ALLIED CONTROL?

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Czechoslovakia, have been reinforced with new recruits, the newspaper reported.

"Among them were said to be 1,500 young German police, mostly members of the Socialist Unity Party."

A chain of blockhouses and huts has been built in the forest areas west of Magdeburg, in the Harz Mountains, and in Thuringia, and checks on trains in the frontier areas have been tightened up, the report said.—Reuter.

## America Supports Italian Trusteeship Of Former Colonies

Washington, Mar. 21.—American support for placing the former Italian colonies of Eritrea and Somaliland under Italian trusteeship is being considered by officials here as a further measure of support to Italy following the three-power proposal for the return of Trieste.

Two other measures being considered here are:

An offer by Greece, with the support and presumably the financial help of the Western powers, to renounce her reparations from Italy if Russia and countries within the Russian orbit renounce theirs.

A revival of the Western powers' attempt to persuade Russia to withdraw her veto of Italian membership of the United Nations. Russia has hitherto made the admission of Bulgaria and Rumania to the United Nations a condition of her support for Italy's admission.—Reuter.

### Britain's Promise

Washington, Mar. 21.—The return of her colonies to Italy presents far greater difficulties than the offer of a return to Italy of Trieste, which has always been favoured by the United States.

It is difficult for Britain to agree to the return of Cyrenaica to Italian

administration because of Britain's wartime promises to the Semitic inhabitants of that colony that they would never again be put under Italian rule.

Another announcement on these subjects will be made by the State Department or the White House in accordance with the co-ordinated programme of supporting resistance to totalitarianism which Gen. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, has so often called for.

Avoiding a disavowal of American diplomatic force over too large an area, with the wisdom of a former military Chief of Staff, Gen. Marshall appears to be concentrating his efforts on the supreme objective of assisting those Italians who wish to prevent a Communist victory at the elections on April 18.

In speeches in the last 10 days, both President Truman and Gen. Marshall have made it clear that this is part of an overall strategy openly designed to prevent Russia subjugating Europe.

### American Policy

An analysis of Gen. Marshall's statement during this time reveals four basic principles:

- 1.—The United States cannot agree to any further changes in Europe brought about by force and a threat of force instead of reasoned democratic procedures.
- 2.—The United States will automatically and any economic assistance to governments which come under Communist domination.
- 3.—Although the United States Government regards European developments as only part of a world-wide struggle between freedom and tyranny, it is concentrating its efforts on Europe for the present.
- 4.—The United States is prepared to back up its policies with all its resources and is strengthening its military position to provide greater support to free countries resisting pressure.

There has not yet been a clear statement of American military commitments in Europe.

### Ready To Move Troops

Two leading American diplomatic correspondents stated today, however, that the United States was prepared to move armed forces into strategic areas of Europe if necessary.

Felix Belinfante of the New York Times, wrote: "Military, we hope to prevent any overt hostile act by Russia by showing we mean business."

"Meanwhile, we are preparing to meet any actual outbreak of hostilities and to move armed forces into strategic areas if all efforts to prevent an outbreak fail."

Mr. Jack Werley of the New York Herald-Tribune wrote: "If all Italy falls under Communist domination and resultant Soviet control, the United States is virtually certain to move armed forces, with the support of its Western Allies, into strategic areas."—Reuter.

### Moscow Comment

London, Mar. 21.—Breaking its week-end silence, Moscow Radio tonight said the British, American and French proposal to return Trieste to the Italians was "intended to revise the peace treaty with Italy behind the back of the Soviet Union."

It is openly admitted that the most important aim of the Anglo-American-French proposal is to influence Italian elections. Moscow Radio added.

The Western intention is to force the Italians to vote at the elections for the reactionary parties which are the agents of the United States.

"The declaration is by no means motivated by concern for the Italian people as its originators apparently try to make out."—Reuter.

### Yugoslav Reaction

Belgrade, Mar. 21.—The three Western powers proposal that Trieste should be handed back to Italy was described today by Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency, as "a measure intended to prevent an agreement between Italy and Yugoslavia."

This comment, the first to be made in Belgrade, accompanied a report from the Tanjug correspondent on the statement by Sincor Palmiro Togliatti, Secretary-General of the Italian Communist Party, in today's Italian Communist newspaper Unità, describing the plan as "not only an election speculation but a crude attempt to drag Italy into an atmosphere of war by speculating on Italian feelings."—Reuter.



AWARD TO LADY READING—The Dowager Marchioness of Reading (right) receives the national achievement award of Chi Omega from Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at New York. Lady Reading was given the award for her "outstanding contribution to the public welfare of her country." She was the organiser of the Women's Voluntary Service in the United Kingdom.

## Menacing Soviet Army Moves Influenced Benes

Frankfurt, Mar. 21.—President Eduard Benes gave in to Communist demands when he learned that large formations of Soviet troops, ostensibly on routine manoeuvres, were converging on the Czechoslovakian frontier, Czech refugees formerly high in government circles said here today.

A group of non-Communist Ministers and members of Parliament told the United Press that they feared that if President Benes had been able to get the Czech army to put down Communist Premier Klement Gottwald's February putsch, Soviet troops manoeuvring in the Soviet occupation zones in Germany, Austria and Russia would have been ordered into Czechoslovakia.

"Of course, we could not expect a similar move by the West," the Czech refugees pointed out. "There was nothing for Benes to do but give in."

These refugees said the same thing happened in 1948 when the Communists received about 40 per cent of the total vote. These refugees said today that it could "probably be explained" by the appearance of large numbers of Russian troops who moved across Czechoslovakia just before the elections on their way to Germany. These refugees, most of whom arrived here during the past week, confirmed earlier charges that V. A. Zorin, deputy Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs and former Soviet Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, brought the Kremlin's "OK" for the Communist coup.

Without any doubt on the knowledge of the matter, the refugees felt that this may be one of the major points presented to the United Nations Security Council if and when the Czech putsch is taken under consideration there.

They pointed out that the Czech-Russian friendship pact signed in Moscow in 1943 specifically ruled out Soviet interference in Czechoslovakia's internal affairs.

Coming And Going  
Zorin arrived by plane in Prague on February 10, ostensibly to supervise grain deliveries. As soon as Benes confirmed the new Communist Cabinet, Zorin returned to Moscow.

When the coup started, the Communists arrested several members of the right wing National Socialist Party, alleging that they were "plotting against the state."

Several National Socialist refugees here, for whom arrest warrants have been issued in Czechoslovakia, deny such a plot. They admitted, however, to having uncovered and reported to the Parliament plans for the Communist putsch. They also reported the discovery of several Communist arms dumps and on "the unusually large number of weapons purchased by the Central Trades Union Committee. In Czechoslovakian factories, they explained, guards are armed and unions can therefore purchase guns for them."

Using this as a cover, the Communists supplied military thousands of sub-machine guns, rifles and pistols for the putsch, they said.

Workers Armed  
These rifles were weapons with which workers parading in Prague were armed on February 24, they said.

The National Socialists were also alarmed over the fact that police officers in Prague and other major Czech cities were Communists, although in December rank and file policemen were still largely non-party.

One National Socialist Parliamentary deputy, until he fled a week ago, said that in January he met with a number of Prague policemen and discussed the danger of a Communist coup and determined that approximately 2,000 Prague police were non-Communist. That he said, was probably a "plot against the state" to which the Communists referred.

"We were only working for peace, freedom, democracy and justice," he said.—United Press.

Land Reform Laws  
Prague, Mar. 21.—The Czechoslovak Parliament, fired with Communist enthusiasm, enacted a land reform measure at an extraordinary Sunday session.

All land holdings in excess of 50 hectares are being confiscated. Landless peasants will be given an opportunity to acquire the excess acreage under favourable terms.

The set of new agricultural laws also reformed the system of land taxation and provided government loans for small farmers.

Communist legislators called the measures "the final victory of peasants over entrenched landlords."

Rudolf Slansky, General Secretary of the Communist Party, told a party meeting at Moravská Ostrava that 93 per cent of Czechoslovak industry will be nationalised in a matter of weeks.

He said legislation to provide nationalisation of all undertakings employing more than 50 persons will be ready for parliamentary consideration in two weeks. He predicted prompt passage.

The second, Premier Gottwald's campaign to strengthen the Communist Party, brought in 55,507 new members, party headquarters announced on Sunday.

Membership was increased by 245,735 in the two weeks.

There was no announcement of total membership, but that in Prague was given as 284,000.—Associated Press.

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## Vast United States Aid For Japan

Washington, Mar. 21.—A United Press survey of pending projects and legislation revealed that Japan will receive at least \$765,000,000 in grants and loans from the United States during the coming fiscal year if the present Congressional and official plans materialise.

Authoritative sources said this figure might even be higher by the time the Army and State Departments complete their plans for the rapid revival

of Japanese industry to the prewar level.

The increasing United States aid to Japan is expected to arouse the resentment of some Far Eastern nations, particularly China, which is scheduled to receive only \$570,000,000 in commodity and reconstruction assistance plus a limited amount of military aid.

Pending projects of assistance to the Japanese during the coming year are as follows:

The Army now has before Congress a request for \$375,000,000 to be used "for direct relief of Japanese civilians in the interest of preventing 'disease and unrest' in view of the heightened Soviet-American tension and the United States desire to have a stable Japan as a Far Eastern bulwark. It is reliably believed that there is no possibility of Congress turning down this request."

Another \$180,000,000 is being asked by the Army for rehabilitation work in Japan during the year beginning July 1. Congressional desire to hasten Japanese recovery so as to lighten the load on the American taxpayers is believed certain to result in appropriation of this fund.

Another project which is virtually assured of approval in the plan for an official Export-Import Bank, in co-operation with private bankers in the United States, to lend the Japanese \$50,000,000 to purchase raw cotton in the United States.

In addition, Congress will receive next week a bill sponsored by United States Cotton state Congressmen which provides for setting up a \$150,000,000 revolving fund for further Japanese purchases of cotton, textile manufacturing equipment and dyes. This fund also could be used to pay transportation costs of the raw cotton to Japan. Since this measure has the endorsement of both cotton growing and manufacturing interests in this country and the tacit approval of the Army, its chances of passage are considered good.

Officials admit that strong factors in the current situation strongly favour the Japanese and make it virtually certain that they can count on continued United States assistance in considerable amounts. These are: firstly, a desire in all quarters here to make Japan self-supporting, early as possible; and secondly, the continuing worsening Soviet-American relations which lead Americans to want a much stronger and more prosperous Japan than they did at the time of the Potsdam conference.

The United States also is seeking Congressional economic aid for Korea and the Ryukyus but on a much smaller scale.

Meanwhile, it is revealed to what considerable extent the United States military strength in Korea has diminished during the past year to fill its quotas under recruitment.

Secretary of State George C. Marshall told Congressmen that Lt-Gen John R. Hodge, commander of the American zone in southern Korea, now holds only 15,000 troops at his disposal.

One year ago Gen. Hodge had almost 50,000 troops in his command. Shocked by this condition of one of the United States strategic fronts, as well as by other evidence of low troop strength in other places, Congressmen appear to be much more willing than heretofore to give President Truman powers to revive a temporary draft to bring the armed forces up to strength. If such a bill is passed, Korea undoubtedly will be one of the first places to receive its full quota, which is set at 30,000. Gen. Hodge originally asked for 38,000.—United Press.

## TO EXCLUDE SPAIN FROM AID PLAN

Selkirk Park, Surrey, Mar. 21.—Delegates of Socialist parties from 14 Marshall Plan countries meeting here today to discuss the European recovery programme at a secret conference are believed to have agreed on a demand that "no political or military strings" should be attached to aid from the United States.

They are also understood to have agreed on a resolution that Franco Spain should be excluded from participation in the programme.

A draft resolution tabled by the French delegation, advocating a joint super-national authority to distribute aid was referred to a committee for further study.

Most of today's meeting was taken up by a discussion of the documents submitted by the British Labour Party and the French Socialist Party—who jointly called the conference together—in how Marshall aid should be administered.

The British document is believed to have advocated a more individual approach by each nation to the United States, while the French proposal envisaged a single body which would administer Marshall aid for all the 16 participating countries.

The French plan also laid down that no military conditions should be attached to the European recovery programme and that Franco Spain should be excluded.

The Socialist parties which sent delegates to the conference were from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and Britain.—Reuter.

## OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered airmail and parcel post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 8 a.m., registered and parcels will close at 3 p.m. the previous day.

MONDAY, MARCH 22  
Closing Times by Air  
Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Taichung, Peking, Canton, Luichow, Kuning, Tientsin, Suiyuan, 3.30 p.m.  
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.  
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Macao, Tientsin and Shekai (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.  
Manila (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Japan (Ordinary letters and cards only) 3 p.m.  
Shanghai 3 p.m.  
Straits, Batavia, Sourabaya and Macassar 3 p.m.  
Macao, Tientsin and Shekai (Sea) 4 p.m.  
Kongmoon (Sea) 5 p.m.  
Canton (Train) 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23  
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Amoy and Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord)  
Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo, Nairobi, Augusta and London (Kowloon CPO) 3 p.m.; (GPO) 3.30 p.m.  
Singapore, Sourabaya, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 3.30 p.m.  
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Taichung, Peking, Canton, Amoy and Foochow, 3.30 p.m.

## ZBW RADIO

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6. Programme Summary: 6.01, Studio; 6.05, Request; 6.10, Hour; 6.15, Presented by Ethel Holme Brown; 6.30, Studio; 6.35, Portuguese Half Hour; 7.00, London Relay; 7.05, World and Home News; 7.15, Studio; 7.20, Jilt Lapper Talks on Film; 7.30, Studio.

"I Like What I Like" Presented by "Nothing But Music" Sidney Torch & Queen's Light Light Orchestra; 9.0, London Relay; 9.05, Weather Report; 9.10, Studio; 9.15, "You and Your Camera" by K. A. Walton; 9.20, Compositions; 9.30, Dance; 9.35, Victor Silver's Ballroom Orchestra; 9.45, London Relay; 9.50, British Industries Fair; 10.00, London Relay; 10.05, Radio News; 10.10, "Something for Everybody"; 11.00, Close Down.

Transmission in the BBO General Overseas Service which may be heard in Hongkong this evening:  
10.00—World of work; 10.30—marriage; 10.30—Scottish magazine; 11.00—The news; 11.10—Home news from Britain; 11.15—Sporting records; 11.25—Voice of the world; 12.00—From today's papers; 12.10—Programme announcements; 12.15—Thursdays; 12.20—Philips and the Wyndham concert; 12.30—The news; 12.35—Home news from Britain; 12.40—Celebrity; 12.45—Voice of the world; 12.50—Welsh magazine; 1.00—The news; 10.10—News analysis; 10.15—Science review; 10.20—Nobel prize winners celebration; 10.25—Extracts from speeches by Sir Robert Robinson; 10.30—Nobel prize winners celebration; 10.35—News records presented by Robert Trevellick; 1.00—Big Ben. Mainly for women; 1.15—Close down.

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## EXILED EUROPEANS' APPEAL

London, Mar. 21.—An appeal to the Chilean Government to ask the Security Council to investigate political conditions in Eastern Europe generally was made at a meeting attended by exiled Eastern European politicians in London tonight.

The meeting was called by representatives of Yugoslav, Polish, Rumanian and Hungarian "Freedom Movements" on the eve of the investigation of recent events in Czechoslovakia by the Security Council.

The meeting sent a cable to Santiago and a copy to Senor Hernan Santa Cruz, the Chilean representative to the United Nations, at Lake Success, which expressed "our deep appreciation that the Chilean Government has brought before the Security Council of the United Nations the matter of the recent Soviet-sponsored Communist coup in Czechoslovakia."

At the same time, we would like to draw your attention to the fact that the occurrences in Czechoslovakia only represent a further instance of the process of enslavement of the nations of East Central Europe systematically pursued by the Soviet Union."

The appeal added: "We suggest that the permanent members of Eastern European countries, not in exile, should be invited to give evidence before the Security Council on how, in glaring contravention of the principles of the United Nations Charter, our peoples were deprived of their rights and political independence."

The signatories of the two messages are: The Yugoslav National Committee headed by Dr. Gavrilovich, the Polish Freedom Movement represented by M. R. Pilsudski (a relative of the late Marshal Pilsudski), the Free Bulgarian Movement headed by Dr. Matsankov, the Free Rumanian group led by Mr. G. Ilescu, and the Free Hungarian Movement represented by Mr. C. Stankovitch.

The five signatories have been invited to send a delegation to the Chilean Ambassador in London tomorrow morning.—Reuter.

## MONGOLIA OFFENSIVE

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The Administration has asked US\$570,000,000 economic aid, but there is strong sentiment in House and Senate to earmark a sum for military use.

The argument is that economic help alone is not enough to enable Chiang Kai-shek's government to defeat the Chinese Communists.

This belief found expression in recommendations of the House Foreign Affairs Committee that the US\$570,000,000 be divided into US\$420,000,000 for economic and US\$150,000,000 for military. The House is expected to agree.

Whether the Senate Committee will go along is apparently a question to be decided at Monday's closed door session. Should it agree, the issue may well be virtually at rest.

The Committee has called back Secretary of State George Marshall for his views on China again on Monday.—Associated Press.

### TORNADO'S TOLL

Oklahoma City, Mar. 21.—At least seven people were injured as a 98 miles per hour wind ripped through Tinker Field near Oklahoma on Sunday causing damage estimated by United States Air Force officers as 63 aircraft destroyed or damaged.

An earlier report that 16 persons were dead, proved erroneous. Three soldiers cut by glass blown from the control tower were among those injured.—Associated Press.



"You shouldn't have come, Neil. You know Dad will throw you out if he sees you here!"